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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DRAFT WESTERN FIVE RESPONSE TO SOUTH
AFRICAN MESSAGE

REF: A) PRETORIA 5380, B) USUN 3564

1. THE CONTACT GROUP MET AFTERNOON AND EVENING SEPTEMBER
12 TO CONSIDER THE FIVE'S RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE RECEIVED
FROM SOUTH AFRICA EARLIER THE SAME DAY (REF A). THE
GROUP AGREED WITHOUT DISSENT THAT THE CLARIFYING
STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY WALDHEIM (REF B) COULD NOT BE
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ALTERED TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL MEANINGFUL ASSURANCES
TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS. THE GROUP BELIEVES THAT THE
STATEMENT MEETS THE REASONABLE CONCERNS OF BOTH PARTIES.
THE FRONTLINE HAVE GONE AS FAR AS THEY CAN GO IN
ACCEPTING THE PRESENT LANGUAGE. THEY HAVE BEEN
REASONABLE IN THEIR APPROACH, AND THEY HAVE WITH GREAT
DIFFICULTY BROUGHT SWAPO ALONG. THE GROUP AGREED THAT

THE TIME HAD COME TO INSIST ON SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF WALDHEIM'S REPORT IN THE LIGHT OF THE CLARIFICATIONS.

2. THE CONTACT GROUP HAS ACCORDINGLY AGREED AD REFERENDUM ON A DRAFT RESPONSE. THAT RESPONSE TAKES THE FORM OF TWO PAPERS: A MESSAGE TO BOTHA FROM THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND AN ACCOMPANYING GOVERNMENTS-TO- GOVERNMENT AIDE MEMOIRE RESPONDING DIRECTLY TO THE POINTS RAISED IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN MESSAGE. THE GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT THE PRETORIA FIVE ARRANGE TO PROVIDE BOTH PAPERS SIMULTANEOUSLY TO PIK BOTHA IN WRITING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIVING APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES FROM THE CAPITALS.

3. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTERS.
(THE DRAFT AIDE MEMOIRE FOLLOWS SEPTEL.)

BEGIN TEXT.

DRAFT TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FIVE TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SIXTEEN MONTHS AGO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FIVE EMBARKED WITH YOU ON THE GREAT ENTERPRISE OF BRINGING NAMIBIA TO AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED INDEPENDENCE, FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THE WIDER INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS, PARTICULARLY FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA, OF SUCCESS IN THIS
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VENTURE. THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES NOW SEEM TO US TO BE SO NARROW THAT THE INITIATIVE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO FALL AT THIS LAST HURDLE.

2. AS WE HAVE EXPLAINED IN THE DETAILED COMMENTARY ACCOMPANYING THIS MESSAGE, WE CONSIDER THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT, WITH THE INTENDED STATEMENT OF CLARIFICATION, IS IN LINE WITH OUR PROPOSAL. WE ARE NOW IN NO DOUBT THAT SWAPO HAVE ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSAL AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT. FURTHERMORE THEY HAVE AGREED TO SIGN A SOLEMN AND BINDING DECLARATION OF A CEASEFIRE. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED ASSURANCES OF FULL COOPERATION FROM NEIGHBORING STATES. THE TIME HAS COME FOR A FINAL EXPRESSION OF YOUR POLITICAL WILL TO BRING ABOUT THE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA.

3. THE SHADOWS WHICH NOW FALL ACROSS RHODESIA MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXTEND OVER NAMIBIA. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS ACCEPTED THE ESSENTIAL FAIRNESS OF OUR PROPOSAL AND URGENTLY DESIRES THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROCESS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. WE FULLY ECHO AND SUPPORT

YOUR VIEW THAT FURTHER DELAYS IN IMPLEMENTING OUR
PROPOSAL WOULD CAUSE GREAT DANGERS FOR NAMIBIA. WE
URGE YOU THEREFORE TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S
REPORT WITH THE ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS, AND TO
AGREE TO SIGN A DECLARATION OF A CEASEFIRE. CONSCIOUS
AS WE ARE THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT, OUR GOVERNMENTS'
AIM WILL BE TO TAKE THE MATTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL
WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

END TEXT.
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